

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Living and Housing in La Paz

Getting around La Paz is easily facilitated by the prevalence of taxis. Radio taxis are inexpensive and safe for the most part. A fare of USD 2.00 will take you almost anywhere in La Paz.

The American school provides door-to-door bus transportation to all students. Students who are involved in extra curricular activities usually go home via carpooling or taxis.

The lack of zoning regulations in the country means that small commercial entities are often located next to a residence. Depending on the type of business, this can be a blessing or a slight irritation!

Below is a short description of three neighborhoods: Calacoto, Lower Achumani, and Upper Achumani.

Calacoto. San Miguel, a popular restaurant and shopping area, as well as the American school is located in this neighborhood. Given the location, this area can be busy, with higher street traffic. Homes in this area are older and usually have more maintenance issues. Floor layouts can be quirky. Most residences have both 220v and 110v in the house, although not in every room.

Lower Achumani. The residential area is 10-15 years old and the location of the majority of our residences. This is the home of the Achumani Market, when many families buy their fresh vegetables. The majority of homes here have only 220v electricity. Yards tend to be small-mid sized.

Upper Achumani. This is a quiet neighborhood. There are limited shopping facilities and taxis tend to be slower in arriving to a residence